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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BRUNO ET AL.

Examiner

William H. Rodriguez

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 11-19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 10, 20, 21 and 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8, 9 and 22 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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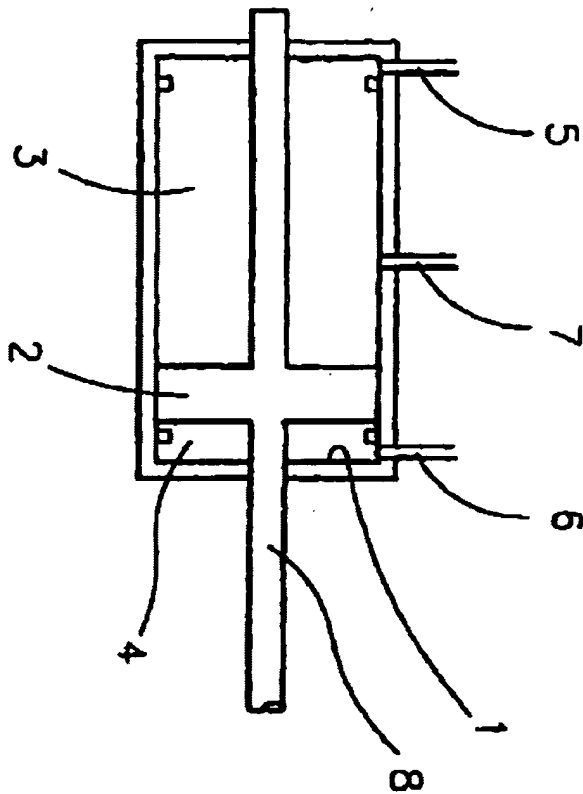
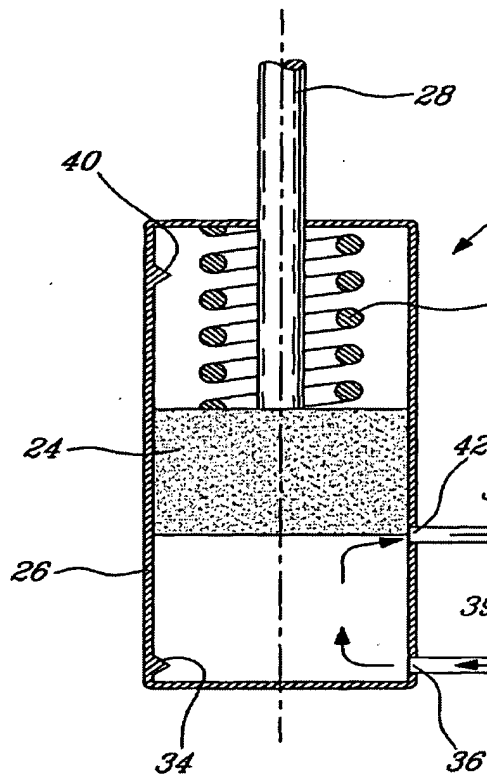
DETAILED ACTION***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

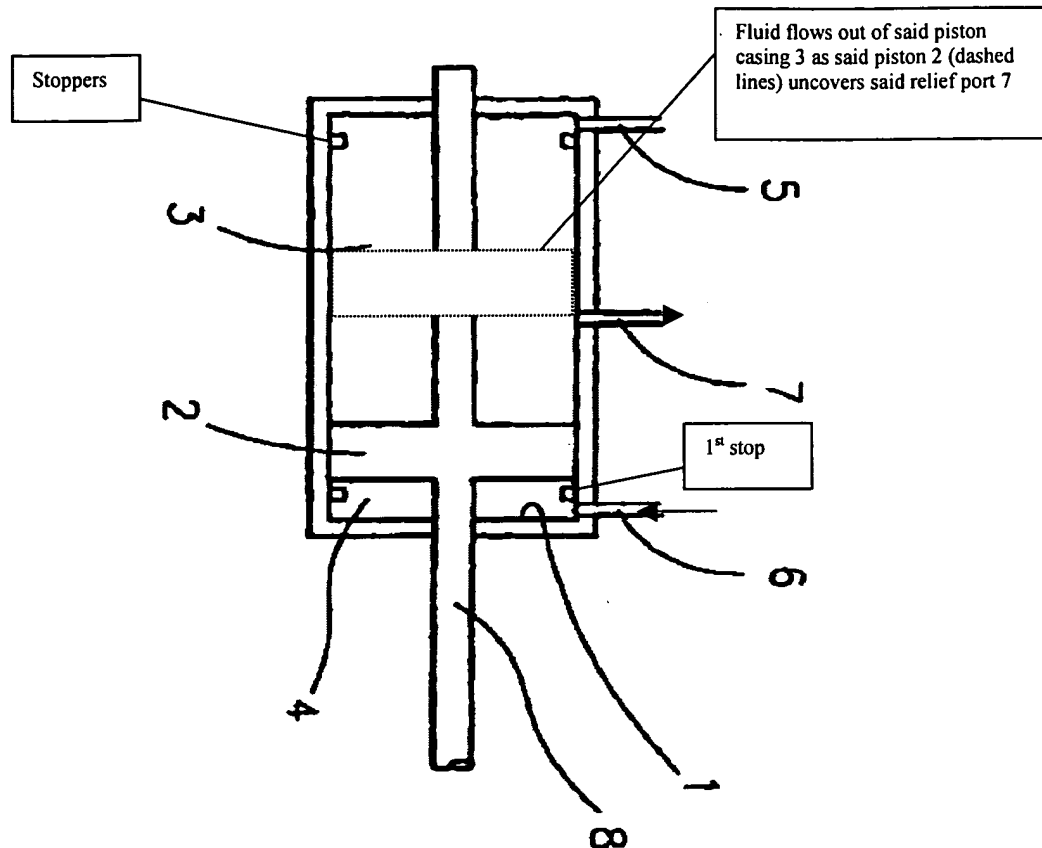
A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-7, 10, 20, 21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Harvey et al. (EP 1054164 A2).

**PRIOR ART****INVENTION**

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With respect to claim 1, **Harvey** teaches an actuator comprising a movable piston 2 in a piston casing 3, the piston 2 being movable to a predetermined axial position set by a relief port 7 which is selectively openable for allowing incoming pressurized fluid to flow out of said piston casing 3 as said piston 2 uncovers said relief port 7. See particularly **Figure 1**, column 1 lines 17-25, lines 29-34 of Harvey.

Note: The desired use recitation “compressor bleed valve” does not add any structure to the claim to distinguish the invention from the prior art being used. Thus, the desired used recitation does not add any patentable weight to the claim. Any apparatus/device comprising the positively recited structural limitations (a piston, a relief port and a piston casing) of claim 1, clearly would anticipate the invention as written, as is the case with Harvey’s actuator.

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With respect to claim 2, **Harvey** teaches that the piston casing 3 has first and second opposed end portions, and wherein said relief port 7 is provided at a location intermediate said first and second opposed end portions. See particularly **Figure 1** of Harvey.

With respect to claim 3, **Harvey** teaches that the piston 2 is movable from one side of said relief port 7 to an opposed side thereof when said relief port 7 is closed. See particularly **Figure 1** of Harvey.

With respect to claim 4, **Harvey** teaches that the actuator further comprises a control port 6 provided at a first end portion of said piston casing 3, said control port 6 being connected to a first valve operable for allowing pressurized fluid to flow into and out of the piston casing 3. See particularly **Figure 1**, column 1 lines 11-12 of Harvey.

With respect to claim 5, **Harvey** teaches that said control port 6 and said relief port 7 are in fluid flow communication via said piston casing 3 when said piston 2 uncovers said relief port 7. See particularly **Figure 1** of Harvey.

With respect to claim 6, **Harvey** teaches that the piston 2 has a first face adapted to be exposed to fluid pressure, and wherein a first stop is provided in said casing 3 to stop said piston in a first limit position in which said first face of said piston is spaced axially from said control port 6. See particularly **Figure 1** of Harvey.

With respect to claim 7, **Harvey** teaches that the piston 2 is biased against said first stop. See particularly **Figure 1** of Harvey.

With respect to claim 10, **Harvey** teaches that stoppers are provided on either sides of the relief port 7 to physically set the limit positions of the piston 2. See particularly **Figure 1** of Harvey.

With respect to claim 20, **Harvey** teaches an actuator comprising: a piston 2 slidable in a piston casing 3 between first, second and third positions, said second position being intermediate said first and third positions, a first port 6 provided in said piston casing 3 for allowing a pressurized fluid to be selectively supplied into said piston casing 3 in order to displace said piston 2 from said first position to said third position, and a selectively openable outlet port 7 provided in said piston casing 3 at a location corresponding to said second position, whereby when said piston 2 uncovers said outlet port 7 and said outlet port 7 is opened, the pressurized fluid flowing into said piston casing 3 via said first port 6 is permitted to flow out of said piston casing 3 through said outlet port 7, thereby causing said piston 2 to remain in said second position thereof. See particularly **Figure 1**, column 1 lines 17-25, lines 29-34 of Harvey.

Note: The desired use recitation “compressor bleed valve” does not add any structure to the claim to distinguish the invention from the prior art being used. Thus, the desired used recitation does not add any patentable weight to the claim. Any apparatus/device comprising the positively recited structural limitations (a piston, a relief port and a piston casing) of claim 20, clearly would anticipate the invention as written, as is the case with Harvey’s actuator.

With respect to claim 21, **Harvey** teaches that the first port 6 and said outlet port 7 are in fluid flow communication via said piston casing 3 when said piston 2 uncovers said outlet port 7. See particularly **Figure 1** of Harvey.

With respect to claim 23, **Harvey** teaches a method of setting an intermediate position of an actuator, the actuator including a fluidly movable piston 2 received in a casing 3 for sliding movement between first, second and third positions, the second position being intermediate the first and third positions, the method comprising the steps of: biasing said piston 2 towards said

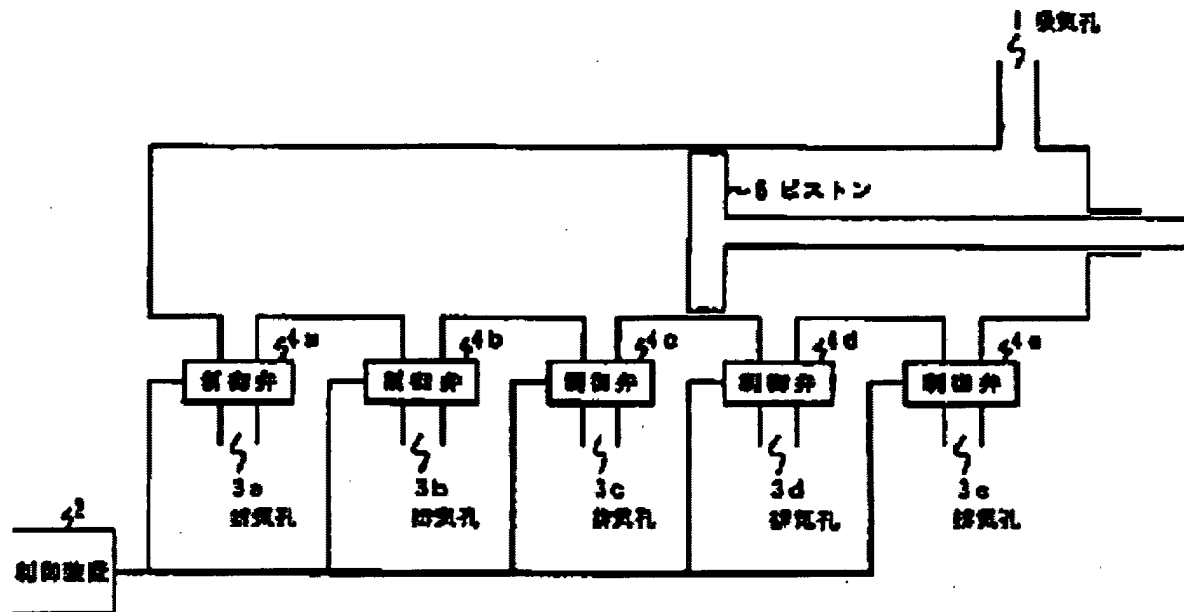
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first position; directing a pressurized fluid into said casing 3 via a first port 6 to displace said piston 2 away from said first position; and opening a relief port 7 to permit pressurized fluid to flow out of said casing 3 at said second position once said piston 2 uncovers said relief port 7. See particularly **Figure 1**, column 1 lines 17-25, lines 29-34 of Harvey.

Note: The desired use recitation “compressor bleed valve” does not add any structure to the claim to distinguish the invention from the prior art being used. Thus, the desired used recitation does not add any patentable weight to the claim. Any apparatus/device comprising the positively recited structural limitations (a piston, a relief port and a piston casing) of claim 23, clearly would anticipate the invention as written, as is the case with Harvey’s actuator.

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3. Claims 1-5, 20, 21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Masayoshi (JP 08074808).



With respect to claim 1, Masayoshi teaches an actuator comprising a movable piston 5 in a piston casing, the piston 5 being movable to a predetermined axial position set by a relief port 3c which is selectively openable for allowing incoming pressurized fluid to flow out of said piston casing as said piston 5 uncovers said relief port 3c. See particularly **Figure 1**, and abstract of Masayoshi.

Note: The desired use recitation “compressor bleed valve” does not add any structure to the claim to distinguish the invention from the prior art being used. Thus, the desired used recitation does not add any patentable weight to the claim. Any apparatus/device comprising the positively recited structural limitations (a piston, a relief port and a piston casing) of claim 1, clearly would anticipate the invention as written, as is the case with Masayoshi’s actuator.

With respect to claim 2, **Masayoshi** teaches that the piston casing has first and second opposed end portions, and wherein said relief port 3c is provided at a location intermediate said first and second opposed end portions. See particularly **Figure 1**, and abstract of Masayoshi.

With respect to claim 3, **Masayoshi** teaches that the piston 5 is movable from one side of said relief port 3c to an opposed side thereof when said relief port 3c is closed. See particularly **Figure 1**, and abstract of Masayoshi.

With respect to claim 4, **Masayoshi** teaches that the actuator further comprises a control port 3e provided at a first end portion of said piston casing, said control port 3e being connected to a first valve 4e operable for allowing pressurized fluid to flow into and out of the piston casing. See particularly **Figure 1**, and abstract of Masayoshi.

With respect to claim 5, **Masayoshi** teaches that said control port 3e and said relief port 3c are in fluid flow communication via said piston casing when said piston 5 uncovers said relief port 3c. See particularly **Figure 1**, and abstract of Masayoshi.

With respect to claim 20, **Masayoshi** teaches an actuator comprising: a piston 5 slidable in a piston casing between first, second and third positions, said second position being intermediate said first and third positions, a first port 3e provided in said piston casing for allowing a pressurized fluid to be selectively supplied into said piston casing in order to displace said piston 5 from said first position to said third position, and a selectively openable outlet port 3c provided in said piston casing at a location corresponding to said second position, whereby when said piston 5 uncovers said outlet port 3c and said outlet port 3c is opened, the pressurized fluid flowing into said piston casing via said first port 3e is permitted to flow out of said piston

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casing through said outlet port 3c, thereby causing said piston 5 to remain in said second position thereof. See particularly **Figure 1**, and abstract of Masayoshi.

Note: The desired use recitation “compressor bleed valve” does not add any structure to the claim to distinguish the invention from the prior art being used. Thus, the desired used recitation does not add any patentable weight to the claim. Any apparatus/device comprising the positively recited structural limitations (a piston, a relief port and a piston casing) of claim 20, clearly would anticipate the invention as written, as is the case with Masayoshi’s actuator.

With respect to claim 21, **Masayoshi** teaches that the first port 3e and said outlet port 3c are in fluid flow communication via said piston casing when said piston 5 uncovers said outlet port 3c. See particularly **Figure 1**, and abstract of Masayoshi.

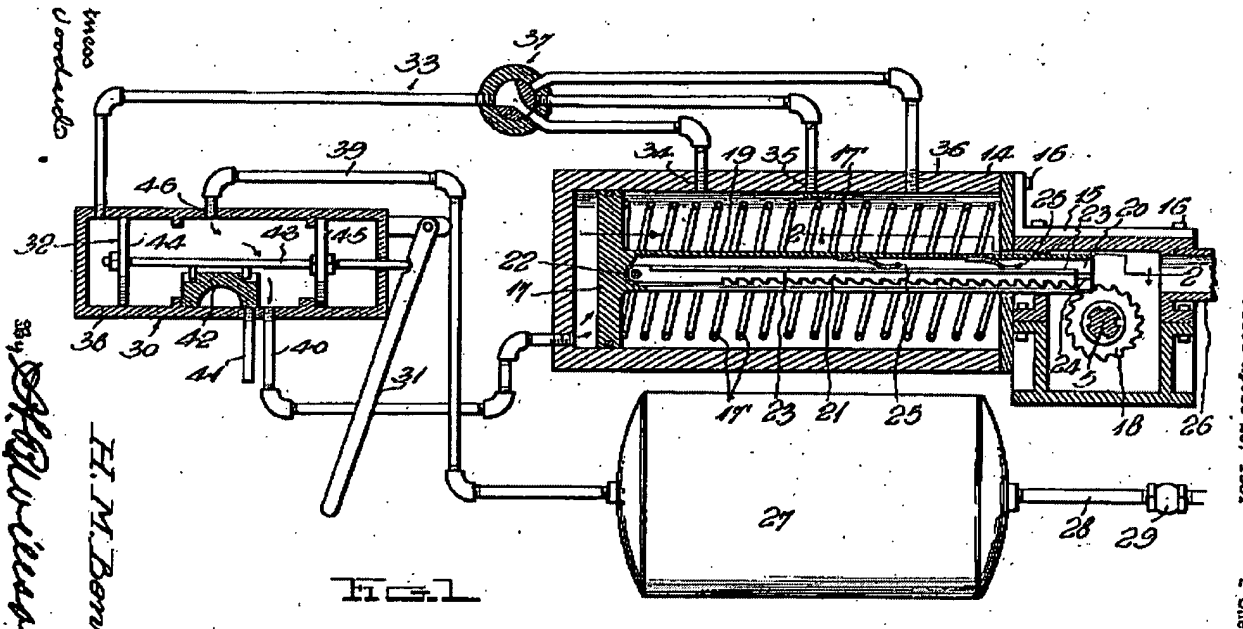
With respect to claim 23, **Masayoshi** teaches a method of setting an intermediate position of an actuator, the actuator including a fluidly movable piston 5 received in a casing for sliding movement between first, second and third positions, the second position being intermediate the first and third positions, the method comprising the steps of: biasing said piston 5 towards said first position; directing a pressurized fluid into said casing via a first port 3e to displace said piston 5 away from said first position; and opening a relief port 3c to permit pressurized fluid to flow out of said casing at said second position once said piston 5 uncovers said relief port 3c. See particularly **Figure 1**, and abstract of Masayoshi.

Note: The desired use recitation “compressor bleed valve” does not add any structure to the claim to distinguish the invention from the prior art being used. Thus, the desired used recitation does not add any patentable weight to the claim. Any apparatus/device comprising the

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positively recited structural limitations (a piston, a relief port and a piston casing) of claim 23, clearly would anticipate the invention as written, as is the case with Masayoshi's actuator.

4. Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Bentley** (U.S. 1,884,531).



With respect to claim 1, **Bentley** teaches an actuator comprising a movable piston 17 in a piston casing 14, the piston 17 being movable to a predetermined axial position set by a relief port 34 which is selectively openable for allowing incoming pressurized fluid to flow out of said piston casing 14 as said piston 17 uncovers said relief port 34. See particularly **Figures 1, 4,** and page 2 lines 96-101 of **Bentley**.

Note: The desired use recitation "compressor bleed valve" does not add any structure to the claim to distinguish the invention from the prior art being used. Thus, the desired used recitation does not add any patentable weight to the claim. Any apparatus/device comprising the

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positively recited structural limitations (a piston, a relief port and a piston casing) of claim 1, clearly would anticipate the invention as written, as is the case with Bentley's actuator.

With respect to claim 3, **Bentley** teaches that the piston 17 is movable from one side of said relief port 34 to an opposed side thereof when said relief port 34 is closed. See particularly **Figures 1, 4**, and page 2 lines 96-101 of Bentley.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 11-19 are allowed.
6. Claims 8, 9 and 22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


Contact information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William H. Rodriguez whose telephone number is 571-272-4831. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl J Tyler can be reached on 571-272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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William H. Rodriguez
Examiner
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